THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) UCO Bank has reported that 14 cases of fraudulent payments using forged drafts totalling Rs. 21,86,809,30 and one case of withdrawl against wrong debit involving Rs. 45,000/- only were detected in March 1990 at its Sector 17-B Branch, Chandigarh. The Bank has further reported that in connection with these pamenyts the CBI registered a regular case on 28-11-90 against 3 Bank employees and 6 outsiders. UCO Bank has placed 4 employees under suspension.

Insurance at state expense

1055. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government consideration for providing minimum insurance cover to every person against injury or death in a road accident, at state expense, even in case where it is a hit and run affair; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) and (b) There is no such scheme run on State expenses. However, victims of Hit and Run cases, against injury or death in a road accident, are compensated out of a Fund known as 'Solutium Fund' set up under the Motor Vehicles Act which is maintained and run by the General Insurance Corporation of India through its four subsidiary companies. The compensation payable in the event of death is Rs. 8,500/- and in the case of grievous hurt, it is Rs. 2,000/-.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बैंकों के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

1056. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को विगत पांच वर्षों में उत्तर प्रदेश ऋणों की मंजूरी और माफी के संबंध में आजमगढ़, मऊ, गाजीपुर, जौनपुर और सुलतानपुर में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में की जा रही अनियमितताओं के संबंध में कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस मामले में कोई छानबीन करायी है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला है ;

(ङ) इस संबंध में कितने अधिकारी दोषी पाये गये हैं ; और

(च) उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है या किये जाने का विचार है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह): (क) से (च) सरकार तथा भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश आजमगढ़, गाजीपुर, जौनपुर,, मऊ और सुलतानपुर सहित देश के से विभिन्न भागों से ऋणों की मंजूरी, वितरण और ऋणों की माफी से संबंधित प्राप्त शिकायतों और राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों द्वारा कथित रूप से बरती जाने वाली अनियमितताओं को सरकारी क्षेत्र के संबंधित बैंक के साथ उपचारी कार्रवाई करने के लिए उठाया जाता है । जहां तक अशोध्य ऋणों को बट्टे खाते डालने और हानियां तथा समझौता प्रस्तावों का संबंध है भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने बैंक बैंकों को ऐसे मामलों का तेजी से निपटारा करने के लिए अपने विभिन्न अधिकारियों को शक्तियां प्रत्यायोजित करने के लिए कहा है । बैंक अपनी शाखाओं का आवधिक अन्तरालों पर निरीक्षण करते हैं । भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक बैंकों का निरीक्षण भी करता है । इन निरीक्षणों के

बैंकों द्वारा दोषी पाये गये अधिकारियों समेत कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध निर्धारित नियमों और प्रक्रियाओं के अनुसार समुचित कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

Industries to help achieve price stability

1057. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had urged upon the captains of industry and trade to cooperate with Government in its effort to achieve price stability as per the news item captined "Industry urged to help hold price line", which appeared in the Times of India, dated Sepetember 26, 1991; and

(b) if so, what is the response from industry and trade so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Finance Minister held a meeting with the representatives of trade and industry on 25th September, 1991 to discuss the modalities of price regulation in respect of commodities where excise duty concessions have been announced by the Finance Minister in the 1991-92 budget and grant of relief to the ultimate consumer in the form of reduction in prices. Both industry and trade have been asked to share the responsibility in controlling the prices. All the participatants assured that the industry would do its best not only to contain the prices of these commodities but also to reduce the same, if possible.

Social Security Group Insprance Scheme for Labourers

1058. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed Social Security Group Insurance Schemes for the benefit of agricultural labourers, handloom weavers and fishermen; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The group insurance schemes for the benefit of agricultural labourers, handloom weavers and fishermen have been framed, which are being implemented by the Life Insurance Corporation of India in collaboration with the State/Union Territory governments etc. The details thereof are as under:

(i) *Group insurance Scheme for landless agricultural labourers.*

Initially, this insurance scheme was introduced to cover around 3 crores of landless agricultural labourers in the country for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 15th August, 1987. The head of the agricultural labourer's family who is not owning land and is in the age group of 18 to 60 years is covered under this scheme for a sum assured of Rs. 1000/- payable to the nominee in case of death of the labourer covered. The scheme has been extended beyond 14th August, 1990 for a further period of 3 years. The entire premium is borne by the Social Security Fund set up by the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

(ii) *Group Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers*

The worker in the handloom sector who are in the age group of 18 to 60 years are covered under the scheme. The Scheme envisages that a sum assured of Rs. 3,000 will be paid on normal death and Rs. 6000 on death due to accident, to the nominee of the assured. The annual premium per member will be Rs. 30. 50 per cent of the premium i.e. Rs. 15 is met from the Social Security Fund, the balance 50 per cent being borne by the beneficiary.

(iii) *Group Insurance Scheme for Fishermen.*

This scheme provides similar benefits as in the group insurance scheme for hand-